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SUBJ: EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY FOR ARMY-BAYLOR PHYSICAL
THERAPY GRADUATES

Please place this post-graduate educational opportunity for physical therapists who graduated from the U.S. Army-Baylor Program in San Antonio, Texas. What follows is a description of the tDPT offered through Baylor University.

1. This is a distance education program paid for by the officer and completed during off-duty hours.
2. Officers will coordinate with Baylor University for admission, payment, etc just as if they would if matriculating at any other university
3. Why not all Army PTs at this time?
 - a. As discussed the last VTC, the AMEDDC&S was unable to conduct the degree gap analysis, design the curriculum, conduct the program, and manage the distance education web site with its current resources, and Baylor University was unable to provide these resources from its existing faculty and administrative staff.
 - b. Although Baylor University was unable to provide faculty and administrative support to AMEDDC&S, Baylor was very interested in being able to provide the t-DPT to its graduates.
 - c. The Dean at Baylor wants to get a t-DPT off the ground ASAP and entered into dialog with Dr. Jeannie Bryan to determine how to accomplish this.

d. To get a program off the ground now, the 1992 Baylor curriculum was the best start point, as it was the first class in the 18-month curriculum, and a common point from which to base the gap Baylor t-DPT curriculum.

e. To reach back and perform gap analysis for all Baylor classes and all ROTC accessed PTs and design curricula based on the various gaps would add a good year or more to the launch date of the t-DPT.

f. This would not meet the guidance of the Dean, so Baylor's plan is to launch the t-DPT curriculum based off the 1992 curriculum. Once this is up and running, Baylor will look to offer a second phase for earlier graduates and ROTC grads.

4. Baylor University is offering the t-DPT for its PT Alumni who graduated between 1992 and 2004.

5. Once Baylor has gotten the t-DPT off the ground for its alumni (Summer 06 start), they would entertain offering a program for non Baylor Grads if there was sufficient interest to justify the expense to conduct the gap analysis, build the curriculum and conduct the distance education program.